

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1, 4, and 6-10 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended, and claims 6-10 are canceled herein. Thus, claims 1 and 4 are presented for reconsideration.

According to the examiner, claims 4 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten to stand in independent form. Applicants have instead introduced the recitations of claim 6 into claim 1, and claim 4 now depends therefrom. It is believed that the claims are allowable as presented for reconsideration.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Applicants traverse the rejection under §112, second paragraph. However, amendment of the claims renders the rejection moot.

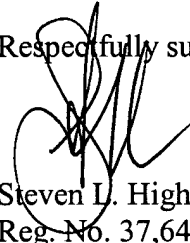
III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Applicants traverse the rejection under §112, second paragraph. However, amendment of the claims renders the rejection moot.

IV. Summary

In light of the preceding remarks, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 4 are in condition for allowance, and an early indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should Examiner Scheiner have any questions regarding this response, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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